The Centre Democrat.

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LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

-J. W. Gephart, Esq., is expected home from Europe this week.

-Morris Swartz, arrived in town on last Saturday morning for a short stay.

gentle reminders that the summer sea- Dixon had a stand near the Penna. depot son is waning.

-Zeller's drug store will be located in the Crider exchange in the early part of September.

-James Bayard, typo of this office, is engaged in laying patent asphalt pavements as Tyrone.

-Jerome Harper left on Tuesday evening for an extended trip to Chicago and other points in the West.

-Arrangements have been made to have trains leaving Bellefonte every two hours during the Patrons picnic at Centre Hall.

-The amount of personal liberty displayed at Spring Mills, last Saturday, was enough to turn the average man into a temperance fanatic the rest of his life.

-Landlord Brandon, of the Brockerhoff House, leaves this week for Millwaukee to attend the national convention of the G. A. R. as one of the delegates from Pennsylvania.

-We would like to know what Billy Gray intends to do with that elegant residence on Linn street which will soon be completed. It is none of our business, but would like to know anyhow.

-The base ball enthusiast who inquired at a book store for Gibbon's "Fall of the Roman' Umpire" has a rival in a sufferer from corns who is trying to purchase "Pilgrim's Bunion Progress.'

-We would call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of a fine farm and other valuable real estate to be sold on Friday of this week, as the property of Henry Krumrine, decd. Spring Mills.

number of other ministers will assist the, pastor on this occasion. All are cordially invited to be present.

-The advertisement of Edward Rhoad's coal and grain establishment will be found in another column. Mr. Rhoads is a young man of good business

A BRIGHT BOY.

THE YOUNGEST MERCHANT AT JOHNSTOWN.

Pays a Visit to Belle tonte-The Guest of Col Spangler-A Model of Pluck and Energy A Good Example,

Col. J. L. Spangler had the pleasure of entertaining over Sunday Master Joseph W. Dixon, a young hero of the Johnstown flood. Young Dixon is but 15 years of age and very small in stature yet he is one of Johnstown's most prosperous business men. When the fatal -The cool mornings and evenings are dam above Johnstown broke Master

> and kept newspapers and stationery for sale. He enjoyed a profitable income from his place of business and managed to help support the family. When the flood came upon Johnstown he had sufficient time only to run for his life and reached the high ground in time to see the angry waters sweep away his little store, along with hundreds of other buildings. But the sadest part was that his father was drowned and a large family was left homeless and without any means of support. Young Dixon was not discouraged in the midst of all this distress ; possessing rare pluck and energy he determined to try and support the family by his own efforts. Scarcely had the waters receeded than he established himself at his former location and opened the first store in Johnstown after the flood.

The young man's venture came to the notice of Col. Spangler, who assisted him in various ways and enabled him to replenish his store with new goods. His little business increased from day to day and at present has a large trade and employs three clerks to wait on custom ers, and is younger than any one in his employ.

He secured a comfortable home for his mother and brothers and sisters and provides for the entire family from the income of his store and manages to lay a little sum by for some future investment. To the young men of this country we would commend the energy and pluck of this young hero as a fit example for them to follow.

It is but another illustration of what can be accomplished by an honest and noble effort and how easily the greatest obstacles are overcome and the bright side of life again appears. Young men, -The corner stone of the Reformed study these few points in the career of church at Coburn will be laid on Sun- Joseph W. Dixon, the 15 year old hero day, Sept. 8th, at 10 o'clock a. m. A of Johnstown, and you will be impressed with the great possibilities in store for a noble and honest endeavor.

Served Them Right.

On Tuesday, a hearing before Justice Linn, in which three young men wzie charged with waylaying and assaulting a young man attracted considerable attention. Harry Lambert, employed in Nevhart's barber shop, was the party assaulted and made the information. Lambert is a new man in town and it appears that he attended a hop recently and won the good graces of some of the young ladies present and at the same time aroused the wrath of some of the young bloods who did not like to see themselves beat in such style, and espec ially by a stranger. The next move was to do Lambert up and get even with him for beating them out of their girls. About two weeks ago, one night as Mr. Lambert was on his way home from a visit he was stopped by three men who were going to do him up. One of tisement of Bucknell University, located them struck him in the face another got at Lewisburg, Pa. This institution is a club and started after him threatenone of the oldest and foremost in the ing to kill him, but he managed to get away from the ruffians with a few slight bruises. The young men charged with committing the assault were Boas, Garis and Smith. After the Justice heard all the evidence in the case he held Messrs Garis and Boas for their appearance at next term of Court. This case of assault is one of the many which occur in our section regularly. There seems to be a class of ruffians and toughs who are in the habit of painting things red and do not hesitate to commit deeds of violence. This case of assault is not a very severe assault but the manner in which it came about calls for the severest punishment. Bellefonte has no use for a set of lawless toughs and bummers and the sooner they are disposed of the better for the twenty years of age. Letters were community, even if they have to be sent | found on her person received from her sizto the Western penitentiary.

Spring Mills Festival.

On Saturday afternoon a large crowd assembled at the depot to take the train for Spring Mills where a band festival was to be held. In the crowd was pervades the negroes near Bessemer and the Bellefonte band and the Undine the country intermediate between that Hose company, both organizations being in full uniform. When the train pulled up to the station about one half could obtain seats the other portion stood in the aisles, on the platform or crawled into a coal car attached on the rear. Along the road passengers got on at every station until breathing room was in demand. Everybody was happy and enjoyed the situation.

When the train pulled into Spring Mills the natives were astonished at the size of the crowd and some thought that the bottom must have dropped out of the upper end of Penns Valley.

Everybody was looking around to see the much talked of festival, and nobody could find it. In the midst of all the consternation we spied Manager Brown, the high cock-a-loreum. To him we rushed for information as to where this festival was being held. "Over there, don't you see ?" he exclaimed and there it was, a couple of tables made out of old boards and a platform for dancing. With'a great big vacuum in the region of our bread basket, we came to the conclusion we would have to fall back on Davy Rhule again for something substantial to satisfy a great big appetite; the rest of the crowd did the same.

In the afternoon a game of base ball between Bellefonte and a nine from State College was the only attraction. The game was an interesting one as some fine playing was done by both teams. The Bellefonte boys came out victorious by a score of 22 to 7.

In the evening a special train arrived and brought many more to Spring Mills to attend this festival.

During the evening the point of attraction was at the festival, near the station. An immense crowd was there, gathered around the solitary ice cream stand and dancing platform, all of which were illuminated by the flickering glare of a lantern, hung on a limb of a tree and several small lights here and there. With so much light in a large crowd one could only move about safely by carefully and cautiously feeling his way.

The Undine boys in their fine blue uniforms and gaudy hats captivated the hearts of all the pretty girls in Penns Valley and are anxious to have another picnic to Spring Mills soon again. It through to the top of the furnace where was a big day for Spring Mills and a big crowd was assembled to attend the festival which was a great big failure.

Hundreds of Indian Relies.

Many Indian relics were found after the flood that had long lain buried in the soil that was washed away. Among plant is the great saving of fuel or raththe perfect specimens thus added to er the economy in combustion.

FAILED TO COME OUT.

Negroes Enter a Fiery Furnace at a Fanatic's Bidding

rapidly growing place and Birmingham, Alabama. For some time past an old negro, named Tobias Jackson, has been proclaiming himself as Daniel the Prophet, and doing all kinds of singular. wild and queer things. The darkies in this section are ignorant and superstitious, and Jackson's actions and the great power which he claimed to have been invested with awed the simple minded negroes. Saturday last Jackson persuaded three young negro men that they were representatives of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, the three children of faith who entered the fiery furnace of Nebuchadnezzar of old. He proclaimed that a furnace where iron is melted and cast into all kinds of forms was the furnace of Nebuchadnezzar and that they could enter it and pass through without the smell of fire.

The three negroes, calling themselves the "children of Israel," under the influence of their new prophet, deliberately entered the gate of the cupola of the furnace and rushed headlong into the white heat of melting iron. When they failed to come out the prophet proclaimed that he saw them rising in the air with the smoke of the furnace, attended by angels, and said that they would revisit the earth again next Sanday. The negroes propose to meet at church next Sunday and pray, awaiting the descent of the three children of Israel. The mother of one of them, when asked about the matter, said, "I feel just as sure my boy is in heaven as if I'd been there and seen him. Jackson, the prophet, commended him to walk into the fiery furnace and he was pledged ter

The New Gas Plant.

obey him.'

The new gas plant, at the Bellefonte nail works, is almost completed and it is expected that they will start the fires in it some time next week. The plant is a very small affair considering the amount of work it is expected to do. It has a foundation of about fifteen feet square. On this base are two furnaces or cupolas adjoining each other and about twenty feet in height. Each furnace has a double fire fox where bituminous coal is burnt, the gas, sm oke and other elements of combustion pass up it comes in contact with a spray of crude petroleum or any kind of oil or product like coal tar or naphtha. This forms what is termed a heavy and fixed gas which can be stored in tanks for any length of time and is a highly combustible gas. The chief feature in this gas

a writer's collection from the neigh- In the ordinary process of comb of bituminous coal, under boilers and in furnaces, it is estimated that over 80 per cent, of the heat units pass away, in the form of gasses and fine particles of carbon, in the air. By this new method, the object is to convert all the combustible material, in the coal and oil used, into a gas in which combustion will be perfect and will be a great saving of fuel, an important item in a large establishment where many fires are in progress and many car loads of coal are consumed each day. When this plant is in operation no smoke or gas is given off and in the furnaces where the gas is consumed no smoke arises. The smoke, in fact, is consumed. This fact alone is a very important item as the dark cloud s of heavy black smoke which arise wherever bituminous coal is used can be avoided.

OVER THE COUNTY.

The most remarkable religious craze FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRES-PONDENTS.

An Interesting Letter from Pine Grove-The Happenings at Philipsburg and Spring

Pine Grove Mills.

Pine Grove Mills is in Ferguson twp. If it were not for Ferguson township, Pine Grove Mills would slowly and peaceably pass away. Indeed its stay here on earth is not at all permanent and it is said that the people of Stone Valley come up to the top of the second mountain every Sunday to see if it is still here. But I can assure them that it is still here, very still, many and many a man has privately remarked to me of its remarkable stillness. Its people believe that silence is golden, that mactivity is a commendable trait, and that the four churches which are clustered here insure the heavenly flight of every resident. That is the reason no one ever moves away from Pine Grove Mills. In writing of and addressing letters to this place always add the "Mills" never omit it ; if you do your letters will never, never reach here, for there are very few people who know just what and where this place is even when the full name is given. If it proves too laborious to write "Pine Grove Mills" in full I would suggest for the sake of brevity, to contract the syllable "Grove" and represent it by the initial "G" with a period following ; then the name Pine G. Mills would not be too long or clumsy ; on the contrary it would never get mixed with the other Pine Groves in the State, it would be original unique, and just too cute for anything. Pine G. Mills desires to state to the public that it needs a large quantity of business enterprise, a supply of public spirit, vim and energy and a new grave yard. Its present grave yard (I would say cemetery but I am not certain as to its orthography) which looks like a ragweed patch and brush thicket fenced in from the world, is absolutely crowded and, while I have heard no complaints from any of the inmates. I still think it an imposition on good nature to throw up different parts of skeletons from newly made graves. This much in general, let me say something personal.

The farmers of Ferguson township are all compelled to leave their oats in the fields on account of the fullness of their barns.

The woods ring with the shouts of the huckle-berry gatherers.

This township will have seven Democratic candidates for sheriff next year. Who can beat it ?

Squirrel shooting has already commenced despite the penalty made and dressed in their gayest attires. The

passed over the andience.

It is a happy thing that we have a few ministers of the gospel who have not become so far estranged from science as to uphold theories which are absurd and ridiculous.

Philipsburg Pointers,

Miss Ada Rumberger, chief transcribing clerk in the P R. R. freight office at this place, has been granted a leave of absence and is off on a visit to friends in Petersburg and she expects to take in the Newton Hamilton campmeeting before she returns.

Mr. Joseph Knowles, of Point Look Out, was found dead in his bed on Thursday morping. He was a moulder in the employ of John Goodwin, at the foundry and machine shops here and after he had done a hard day's work went to the drinking den's and drank. it is said, several gallons of beer and a quart of whiskey, from the effects of which he died that night. He leaves a wife and two children to mourn their loss and to battle with the world as best they can for a subsistance-another sad case of too much" Personal liber. ty."

A man by the name of Bloom had both legs and arms cut off by the cars one day last week and died before he could be gotten to his home in Clearfield. The accident occured near Munson station, on the Beech creek road. Hewas a breakm an on a freight train and in jumping from one car to another he made a misstep and fell under the cars with the terrible result. He leaves a wife and several children.

Our correspondent "took in" the Baptist campmeeting on last Sunday, the weather being delightful, the trip was an enjoyable one. Four trains were run over the road all making the Baptist camp meeting their focal point. The train from Tyrone over the Pennsylvania had several coaches attached all crowded to overflowing. The Beech Creek train from Philipsburg had five coaches, and from Gazzam three and from Clearfield three, all packed with human beings. Besides this every available coveyance with in a radius of fifteen miles were pressed into service, and by cleven o'clock the enclosure. containing about five acres, was filled with people while nearly as many were on the outside. The services were grand. and impressive. Some elegant music was rendered by the choir, Rev. McKee of Dayton, O., preached an eloquent sermon from 110th Psalm 4th verse at eleven o'clock, and at 3 p. m. the same Rev. delivered and excellent missionary address. Good order prevailed inside and with the exception of a few cases on the outside of the enclosure. It was a delightful day and every body seemed happy. The ladies, bless them, were provided by law for so doing, before the dudes and the dudines were there giggling and bent on having a good time. Jacob Keller, one of the many good The lame, the halt, decrepid age and happy youth mingled in the throng

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qualities and possesses the necessary energy to make his new venture a success.

-Centre Hall is becoming quite a pious little town. All the residents are law abiding citizens and members of churches. As the ministers have nothing to do they have handed in their resignations and are going to new fields of conquest.

-The Bucktail reunion is in progress at Philipsburg, Wednesday and Thursday of this week. On each train passing through Bellefonte, members of the association appeared with the unique bucktails on their hats and caps. The reunion will be largely attended by citizens of this section.

-In this issue will be found the adver-State and in its course of study and supior advantages it surpasses most and is excelled by none. If you have a son or daughter you wish to send to a first class school write for a catalogue of Bucknell University.

-Extensive preparations are being made this year by the committee in charge of the Patrons picnic to be held at Centre Hall next month. The display of implements and machinery will be larger than last year. A number of Philadelphia houses will have representatives on the ground with samples to take orders. The number of tents will be larger and on the whole everything will be conducted upon a larger and improved plan.

-Gregg Post, of Bellefonte have decided to attend Grand Army Day, at Sunbury, October 9, '89. This gathering is a re-union of the Grand Army Posts throughout Central Pennsylvania, and is largely attended by members of that order. The Penna railroad is expected information address R. C. Irvin, A. V. Smith, or Thos. Donachy, of this place. Gregg Post will go via Lewisburg road.

-During the past week we have noticed articles in our exchanges to the effect that Penns Cave had been purchased some extensive improvements would be made there at once. The further the story gets away from home the larger it | Mills to that place and will be turned in to a famous and fashionable summer re. sort. We are safe in saying that none of the above reports are true and are the result of some one's imagination.

A Lewisburg Tale.

Recently at Lewisburg, as Undertaker W. C. Ginter was embalming the remains of Mrs. William Searles, he was to give excursion rates to all persons startled by three or four rappings on the who desire to attend this meeting. For floor directly underneath him, the knocks being immediately followed by loud screams. What made these knockings so peculiar is the fact that there is no cellar under the house. Notwithstanding his fright, Mr. Ginter made a thorough exploration of the premises, by some Pittsburg capitalist and that but found nothing that seemed to offer any solution of the mystery. The knockings and screamings have since been repeated and mother and children are said becomes. The last rumor says that a to be so overcome with nervousness and branch road will be built from Spring | fright that they cannot be induced to leave their own houses. We suggest that this tale be received with some degree of allowance.

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borhood of Muncy are fifteen polished celts, a still larger number of rude flaked celts, two grooved axes, one pestel, one gorget one ceremonial weapon, several drills, besides several hundred darts and spearheads; and among the many fragments found are pieces of pottery and soapstone vessels. Many articles were doubtless broken by the turbulent current and the violence of the drift. And many articles were no doubt washed out only to be again buried in the deposits of fine sediment, or mingled with the gravel in the bed of the river. The impetuous flood spared neither the homes, possessions, public improvements of this generation, nor the long preserved relics of a former population. We often found relics of the two races lying close together, and were thus reminded that in many things the white man has really no pre-emin ence above his red brother.

Snicide.

The Philpsburg Daily Journal says Sadie E. Sharpe, alias Grace Goodman, (the daughter of James Sharpe who has traveled Centre county from end to end delighting his audiences as a ventriloquist) came into Philipsburg on Monday of last week, and took up her abode for one night at the Potter House and afterward domiciled at the well known house of Sarah A. Butler, where she died at her own hand by taking poison. No evidence was adduced to show why she did it but it is supposed she became ashamed of the life she had been living | lent quality of red seed wheat for sale. for some time, although only now about ter persuading her to alter her course of life and return to her home.

To Enlarge the Altoona Shops

The Pennsylvania railroad has decided to add to its shops at Altoona. A site has been selected about two miles from the present shops where will be erected boiler, machine and blacksmith shops, boiler-house, electric and hydraulic houses, paint shops and store-houses. giving employment to over 500 men.

On Friday while workmen were cleaning out the cellar of the former residence of B. F. Hoffman, the hackman, corner of Vine and Market streets. Johnstown they unearthed a lot of gold coin, which when gathered up by Harry Hoffman one of the sons who happened to be present, was found to amount to \$1,020, mostly in twenty-dollar pieces. Mr. Hoffman had the money in a box in the house when the flood came, but was nearly all out of the box and pretty well scattered when found.

THE GLASS WORKS TO START.

On Monday the Glass Works were sold at sheriff's sale to John P. Harris, cashier, of the First National Bank. An effort is being made to reorganize a new company. If the new gas plant proves a success at the nail works they claim that they can introduce the same system and will be able to manufacture glass cheaper than where natural gas is used. The success of this gas plant will insure new life and energy in business in our community and all anxiously await the test which will be made in a few days.

Seed Wheat for Sale.

150 bushels of "Big Yield" an excel-Address or call upon

WALLACE C. CHADMAN, Pine Grove Mills, Pa.

MARRIED.

LERGER-WHIPPO-At the home of the ride's parents, in Bellefonte Pa., August 5th 1889, Mr. Elmer E. Mulberger, of Lemont, lentre Co. Pa. and Miss Grace Whippo, of bellefonte, Pa., by Rev. W. A. Trostie. ILLIAMS-EVERY,-At Boalsburg, Pa. Aug. 55th 1860, by the same, Mr. James C. Williams and Miss Maggie S. Every, both of Lemont, Centre Co. Pa.

Idleness is a Dangerous Fault

In the kidneys. When inactive they speedily fall into disrepair. Those obstinate and fatal ladies, Bright's disease and diabetes, ensuwith terrible certainty upon the inaction of the organs affected. Catarrh of the bladder. enuresis, gravel and strangury are also to be pprehended from a partial paralysis of the adder, of which weakness and singgishness are the causes. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters is a fine tonic and promoter of activity for the renal organs, and one which can be relied upon to afford them the requisite stimulus witht exciting them—an effect to be feared from a unmedicated alcoholic excitant of com troe. A further beneficient effect of the Bit is, by renewing activity of the kidneys, is to able them to drain from the blood in its pas-ge through them, impurities productive o connatism and dropsy. Nerrousness, fever ed bythe little

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carpenters of this place, has just completed the erection of a blacksmith shop and hen house on the Kepler farm. Lawyer Keichline of Bellefonte was

visiting his parents here.

Charles Chadman, a student of the Farmers' High school expects to enter Franklin & Marshall college at its opening in September.

The funeral of Miss Alice Robison, a highly respected young lady of this place, occurred on Friday last. She died of consumption.

The game of base ball between the Greenwood Furnace nine and our home team terminated in a victory for the visitors. The score was 30 to 31. I don't know much about base ball but there are some people here who know good players when they see them. One of these intelligent spectators remarked at the conclusion of Saturdays game that "both teams are composed of good players, just look at the runs they made."

An amusing incident occurred at a recent obsequies at which our two young preachers officiated. One of them in his owned by Sam'l Leitzell for \$270, and zeal to make converts of people who are susceptible of being frightened and deeming a funeral as a fitting opportunity, told his hearers in substance that the death bed of a christian was like unto passing from tired wakefulness in to a sweet refreshing dream, that rapturous scenes of beauty and angelic forms passed before the sufferer's eyes. while music from the holy cherubim softened the pangs of dissolution. etc. He then depicted the awful condition of the sinner at his transition from this world to the one beneath, and cited the delirious mutterings of one or two noted infidels to prove his peculiar theory. He told of the dreadful visions of grades, with its hideous forms and unearthly sounds, he enlarged upon the spurious allegation that all atheists at their death bed would willingly give the whole world and forever surrender their claims on the Solar system for just one hour in which to prepare for death, and he emphasized his belief that the words of a dying person always indicated his or her spiritual condition. When his assistant arose and plainly and emphatically said he did not believe any such doctrine, and went on in a mild but effective manner to show that a person, whether he be saint or sinner, who is in the ag- undertook to wrestle with the blue vitrio ony of death is not accountable for what he says or does, and that no intelligent person regarded the ravings of a dying person as an indication of his condition spiritually, an expression of approval

"Birds of a feather. On a common level. Traveling together.'

Spring Mills.

Prof. G. P. Bible, of Lock Haven, tarried a day and a night with his old teacher W. A. Krise, a few days ago. He also paid a visit to Prof. D. M. Wolf.

Miss Susy Horner and her brother Will, who have been on the sick list for some time, are able to be out again.

On Tuesday of this week Dr. Stein movel part of his store from Millbeim to Spring Mills. He will occupy a room in the Bibby House.

On Monday Samuel Herring, Chief Justice of Gregg twp., sold part of the property of Dan'l Bartges for whom he was Assignee. Messrs Huyett & Co. purchased the timber on about 20 acres of the old homestead for \$2,525.

Chas. Bartges, purchased four acres a house thereon, of the tract formerly G. D. Armbruster bought about four acres of meadow land at Farmers Mills at \$110,40 per acre. Several other properties were offered but bidders were wanting. A great deal of land is in the market in Pennsvalley and prices are ruling very low. The very best of land scarcely commands more than \$40 per acre. Farmers cannot understand why land is so low, and men who paid \$100 per acre twenty years ago worder why they cannot get more than from \$40 to \$50 per acre now, but they must remember that other things are low in propertion, and also that there is too much good cheap land in the West for such high prices ever to rule here again.

A number of strangers some of them from Bellefonte and some from other places, filled themselves with "Blue Vitriol" and undertook to paint the town red last Saturday. Some rufflans attacked a man named Wolf from Madisonburg and had not bystanders enterfered they might have killed him. Wolf is some what of a slugger himself, and had his assailants come not more than tow or three at a time he could have got away with them, but like cowards they piled on him half a dozen strong. some striking him with clubs and some kicking at him. Some of the boys who feind soon found themselves laying along the wayside with no good Samaritan to bind up their wounds.

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